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SUBJECT; THE MEISSNER FAMILY

REF: A) BERLIN 5676, B) STATE 78328

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE (REF. A) GDR CITIZEN WILFRED MEISSNER SENT LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER FEB. 22, 1977 SEEKING PRESIDENT'S SUPPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE EMIGRATION OF MEISSNER AND HIS FAMILY TO WEST BERLIN. DIE WELT CARRIED STORY ON MEISSNER LETTER TO PRESIDENT ON MARCH 30 AND ON MARCH 31 MEISSNER WAS ARRESTED BY GDR AUTHORITIES. MEISSNER'S SISTER, IN CABLE TO EMBASSY ON APRIL 1, ASKED THAT PRESIDENT BE INFORMED OF THE ARREST AND ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING RELEASE OF HER BROTHER AND PERMISSION FOR HIM TO EMIGRATE.
2. BROTHER OF WILFRED MEISSNER INFORMED US SEPT. 2 THAT MEISSNER HAS BEEN CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS ON CHARGE OF ANTI-STATE AGITATION (ARTICLE 106 OF CRIMINAL CODE) AND COLLECTION OF ANTI-STATE INFORMATION (ARTICLE 98). BROTHER DOES NOT BELIEVE MEISSNER, WHO IS 41, WILL SURVIVE PRISON TERM.

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3. AS A SIDELIGHT, SENTENCE ALSO PROVIDED FOR CONFISCATION OF FAMILY CAR WHICH WAS ALLEGEDLY USED IN THE COMMISSION OF THE "CRIMES." FAMILY, WHICH WAITED 13 YEARS FOR DELIVERY OF THE CAR, CONSIDERS CONFISCATION ALSO A HEAVY BLOW.
4. MEISSNER HAS ANOTHER BROTHER LIVING IN WEST BERLIN

AND WEST GERMAN PRESS MAY PICK UP STORY FROM HIM.
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